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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of an one-count indictment¹ charging that on October 28, 2008, Mikell Nesbitt possessed a firearm in Philadelphia, after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in prison.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	
Mikell Nesbitt	Philadelphia, PA	30 years old	

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Philadelphia City Police Department to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marianne Cox.

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